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The information disclosure statement filed 9/20/06 has been fully considered. An initialed copy of said IDS is enclosed herein.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/27/07 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on 03/19/07. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. An initialed copy of said IDS is enclosed herein.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R Kruer whose telephone number is 571-272-1510. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached at 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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